

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the telephonic communication with the Examiner on April 6, 2009. Claims 1-14 and 26 are currently pending in this Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 1, 8-13, and 26 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

In the telephonic communication of April 6, 2009, the Examiner indicated that the method claims are required to be tied to a statutory class to satisfy 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1, 8-13, and 26 have been amended to show that the various method steps are performed by a computer. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-14 and 26 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §101.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-14 and 26.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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